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APPLICANT: Nakamura, et al.

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GENE AND PROTEIN RELATING TO HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA

AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

## MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

FOR:

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on April 14, 2008 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the Response is due on or before June 16, 2008 (June 14, being a Saturday).

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Customer No. 30623, Reference No. 25371-021CIP.

Respectfully submitted,

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